

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 86.1706–99

STATE's participation in National LEV extends only until model year 2004, except as provided in 40 CFR 86.1707.

(2) Covered states with a Section 177 Program and an Existing ZEV Mandate shall submit regulations containing the following language:

With the exception of any STATE requirements pertaining to zero emission vehicles (ZEVs), for the duration of STATE's participation in National LEV, manufacturers may comply with National LEV or equally stringent mandatory Federal standards in lieu of compliance with any program adopted by STATE pursuant to the authority provided in section 177 of the Clean Air Act applicable to passenger cars, light-duty trucks up through 6,000 pounds GVWR, and/or medium-duty vehicles from 6,001 to 14,000 pounds GVWR if designed to operate on gasoline, as these categories of motor vehicles are defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1900.

STATE's participation in National LEV extends until model year 2006, except as provided in 40 CFR 86.1707. If, no later than December 15, 2000, the US EPA does not adopt standards at least as stringent as the National LEV standards provided in 40 CFR part 86 subpart R that apply to new motor vehicles in model year 2004, 2005 or 2006, STATE's participation in National LEV extends only until model year 2004, except as provided in 40 CFR 86.1707.

Any existing or future STATE requirement pertaining to ZEVs is not affected by STATE's acceptance of National LEV as a compliance alternative for other state requirements.

(3) All covered states shall submit regulations containing the following language:

If a covered manufacturer, as defined at 40 CFR 86.1702, opts out of the National LEV program pursuant to the EPA National LEV regulations at 40 CFR 86.1707, the transition from National LEV requirements to any STATE section 177 program applicable to passenger cars, light-duty trucks up through 6,000 pounds GVWR, and/or medium-duty vehicles from 6,001 to 14,000 pounds GVWR if designed to operate on gasoline, as these categories of motor vehicles are defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1900, will proceed in accordance with the EPA National LEV regulations at 40 CFR 86.1707.

(4) All covered states shall accompany the regulatory language with the following language:

STATE commits to support National LEV as an acceptable alternative to state Section 177 Programs for the duration of STATE's participation in National LEV.

STATE recognizes that its commitment to National LEV is necessary to ensure that National LEV remain in effect.

STATE is submitting this SIP revision in accordance with the applicable Clean Air Act requirements at section 110 and EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 86 and 40 CFR Parts 51 and 52.

(5) States without Existing ZEV Mandates shall accompany the regulatory language with the following language:

For the duration of STATE's participation in National LEV, STATE [intends to / will] forbear from adopting and implementing a ZEV mandate effective prior to model year 2006. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if, no later than December 15, 2000, the US EPA does not adopt standards at least as stringent as the National LEV standards provided in 40 CFR part 86 subpart R that apply to new motor vehicles in model year 2004, 2005 or 2006, STATE [intends to / will] forbear from adopting and implementing a ZEV mandate effective prior to model year 2004.

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### § 86.1706–99 National LEV program in effect.

(a) No later than March 2, 1998, EPA shall issue a finding as to whether National LEV is in effect. EPA shall base this finding on opt-in notifications from OTC States submitted pursuant to § 86.1705(e) and received by EPA January 30, 1998, and on opt-in notifications from manufacturers submitted pursuant to § 86.1705(c) and received by EPA February 17, 1998.

(b) EPA shall find that the National LEV program is in effect and shall subsequently publish this determination if the following conditions have been met:

(1) All manufacturers listed in paragraph (c) of this section have lawfully opted in pursuant to § 86.1705(c) and any conditions placed on the opt-ins allowed under § 86.1705(c)(2) have been met (apart from a condition that EPA find the National LEV program in effect);

(2) Each OTC State that opts in has lawfully opted in pursuant to § 86.1705(e) and any conditions placed on opt-ins by OTC States that are allowed

under § 86.1705(e)(3)(viii) have been met (apart from a condition that EPA find the National LEV program in effect); and

(3) No valid opt-out has become effective pursuant to § 86.1707.

(c) List of manufacturers of light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks:

American Honda Motor Company, Inc.  
 American Suzuki Motor Corporation  
 BMW of North America, Inc.  
 Chrysler Corporation  
 Fiat Auto U.S.A., Inc.  
 Ford Motor Company  
 General Motors Corporation  
 Hyundai Motor America  
 Isuzu Motors America, Inc.  
 Jaguar Motors Ltd.  
 Kia Motors America, Inc.  
 Land Rover North America, Inc.  
 Mazda (North America) Inc.  
 Mercedes-Benz of North America  
 Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Inc.  
 Nissan North America, Inc.  
 Porsche Cars of North America, Inc.  
 Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Inc.  
 Saab Cars USA, Inc.  
 Subaru of America, Inc.  
 Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.  
 Volkswagen of America, Inc.  
 Volvo North America Corporation

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**§ 86.1707–99 General provisions; opt-outs.**

A covered manufacturer or covered state may opt out of the National LEV program only according to the provisions of this section. Vehicles certified under the National LEV program must continue to meet the standards to which they were certified, regardless of whether the manufacturer of those vehicles remains a covered manufacturer. A manufacturer that has opted out remains responsible for any debts outstanding on the effective date of opt-out, pursuant to § 86.1710(d)(3).

(a) *Procedures for opt-outs—manufacturers.* To opt out of the National LEV program, a covered manufacturer must notify the Administrator as provided in § 86.1705(c)(1), except that the notification shall specify the condition and final action allowing opt-out, indicate the manufacturer's intent to opt out of the program and no longer be subject to the provisions in this subpart, and specify an effective date for the opt-out. The effective date shall be specified in terms of the first model year for

which the opt-out shall be effective, but shall be no earlier than the applicable date indicated in paragraphs (d) through (j) of this section. For an opt-out pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, the manufacturer shall specify the revision triggering the opt-out and shall also provide evidence that the triggering revision does not harmonize the standard or requirement with a comparable California standard or requirement, if applicable, or that the triggering revision has increased the stringency of the revised standard or requirement, if applicable. The notification shall include the following language:

XX COMPANY, its subsidiaries, successors and assigns hereby opt out of the voluntary National LEV program, as set forth in 40 CFR part 86, subpart R.

(b) *Procedures for opt-outs—OTC states.* To opt out of the National LEV program, a covered state must notify the Administrator through a written statement from the head of the appropriate state agency. A copy of the notification shall be sent to the Director, Vehicle Programs and Compliance Division; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 2565 Plymouth Road; Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105. The notification shall specify the final action allowing opt-out, indicate the state's intent to opt out of the program and no longer be subject to the provisions in this subpart, and specify an effective date for the opt-out. The effective date shall be specified in terms of the first model year for which the opt-out shall be effective, but shall be no earlier than the applicable date indicated in paragraphs (d) through (k) of this section. The notification shall include the following language:

STATE hereby opts out of the voluntary National LEV program, as set forth in 40 CFR part 86, subpart R.

(c) *Procedures for opt-outs—EPA notification.* Upon receipt of an opt-out notification under this section, EPA shall promptly notify the covered states and covered manufacturers of the opt-out. Publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of notice of receipt of the opt-out notification is sufficient but not necessary to meet EPA's obligation to notify covered states and covered manufacturers.